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the
very old mines in Cinobana and Lovinobana are being greatly expanded, for otherwise there would be no housing program, the communities having a population of only two or three thousand each.

2.

Evidence of shortages was clearly visible. Coal rations for private heating were cut several times, and coke was completely excluded from private consumers. Private consumers get the worst quality, usually only inferior soft brown coal. There is a propaganda drive in industry and transport not only for saving coal, but for switching to brown coal. Radio Prague broadcast interviews with locomotive engineers who explained their success in using soft brown coal and even brown coal powder in express train engines. In 1950 the hot water was turned off for five or six days a week in large apartment houses in Prague. There are severe punishments for the violation of the directives limiting the heating of public and even private rooms. A great deal of importance is placed upon coal production by the government and the Communist Party. Because of the production difficulties a special "vladni poverenec" (government commissar) (Minister of Interior Vaclav Nosek) was appointed. production is not keeping pace with the expansion of the rest of heavy industry.

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[redacted]
[redacted] extensive
geological research is being done in the Hodonin region
in southeastern Moravia. [redacted] rumors that
Soviet geologists were there. An important part of the
Five Year Plan deals with geological research. [redacted]
[redacted] the production of synthetic gas is
stressed more. [redacted] Stalin works in the
spring of 1950 much construction was going on. [redacted]
[redacted] Czechoslovakia meets
about 90 per cent of her needs with synthetic gasoline.

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Most are part of the Stalin works mentioned above.

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